



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 5, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Yaroslavsky:

“As a result of a Federal mandate requiring counties and cities to increase the lettering height of their street name signs, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, developed a program to install Federally compliant Street Name Signs (SNS) at County street and road intersections throughout all County Unincorporated communities.

“It is the County’s goal to support community identity and customize critical services to better meet our County citizens’ needs. Important factors, such as emergency response during a disaster when out-of-area firefighters, law enforcement, and other support teams and personnel will be directed into County areas, require that our communities, whether urban, suburban, or rural, be not only well signed, but consistent in that signing.

“Combining the Federal mandate with the identified need to provide a consistent and distinct County/Community identity makes sense, and the Department of Public Works is to be commended for its efforts. Unfortunately, the program has hit a snag where State highways and County streets and roads intersect. State highways intersect several portions of unincorporated communities, and, in fact, act as main streets in some, and are major connectors to County roads leading in and out of County communities. After many discussions and appeals to Caltrans, the Department of Public Works has been unable to obtain Caltrans’ agreement and permission to install the County’s SNS in their right-of-way, citing conflicting interpretations of standards, and causing the County to halt its SNS program where State highways and County streets and roads intersect.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board directed the County's Legislative Advocates in Sacramento to seek legislation to allow Los Angeles County to use County Street Name Signs on State highways, as long as they do not violate mandatory compliance conditions; and to further investigate if other cities or counties throughout the State would also benefit from such legislation and would want to join in supporting such an effort.

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